

The background of the slide is a photograph of a calm lake. The water is a deep blue, reflecting the clear sky above. The shoreline is covered with dense green trees and shrubs. The sky is a solid, clear blue. The text is overlaid on this image.

# Landscape Partnership grant program

Deval Patrick, Governor  
Timothy P. Murray, Lt. Governor  
Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Secretary

Massachusetts Executive Office of  
Energy and Environmental Affairs

# Program goals

Resilience of natural and human systems  
*requires* landscape-scale conservation



- Municipal involvement
- Partnerships
- Stewardship
- Public access
- Leverage



Town of Pelham; Kestrel Trust

# Eligible applicants

- Municipal conservation commissions or water departments
- Environmental non-profits
- State or federal environmental land agencies

*Each project must include at least two partners, of two types.*

# Eligible projects

- Purchase of property:  
Fee, CR, APR, WPR
- 500+ acres of *contiguous* land
- Assistance to municipalities for development of Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ)



# Ineligible project parcels

- Land that is already permanently protected
- Property in which eligible applicants already hold an interest (fee or restriction)

# Funding

- 50% reimbursement
- Maximum award: \$1.5 million

## Eligible project costs include:

Acquisition

Survey

Title research/certification

Forest Management Plan

Recording fees

Technical assistance to  
municipalities for  
development

Baseline Documentation  
Report (up to \$1,500)

of NRPZ (up to \$40,000)

# Eligible match

Foundation grants

Non-profit accounts

Municipal land, open  
space, CPA, drinking  
water, or agricultural  
accounts

Bargain sale

Gifts of land

Private donations

State agency acquisition  
funds

Federal grants/loans

Natural resources  
damages settlement  
funds

Other non-state funds as  
approved by EEA



# Project terms

- Public access:
  - Some portion of all projects
  - *All* parcels acquired in fee
- Working lands:

All projects are encouraged to include working lands (active agriculture or forestry)
- Project type-specific requirements

# Project evaluation

## 100 point rating system

### Criteria:

- Local support, stewardship, land use planning (25 pts)
- Project Quality (75 pts)

Size

Biodiversity

Water resources

Working lands

Recreation

Community revitalization



# Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ)

## Procedural requirements:

- Work must be contracted outside of municipal government
- Public hearing
- Municipal vote

## Substantive requirements:

- Area-based formula
- 65-90% protection
- Apply to all currently undeveloped land outside of existing high-density

Questions?

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# Appraisal reports

REQUIRED for ALL project parcels, to be funded or used as match. May not be older than 1 year.

## Parcels to be funded:

10/22/12:

self-contained full narrative appraisal, limited or restricted use appraisal, or opinion of value

1/2/13:

<\$50,000: no additional appraisal

\$50,000-\$750,000: one full self-contained appraisal

>\$750,000: two self-contained appraisals or one and a review appraisal

## Parcels to be used as match:

10/22/12:

estimate of value

4/2/13:

<\$50,000: no additional appraisal

\$50,000-\$750,000: one full self-contained appraisal

>\$750,000: two self-contained appraisals or one and a review appraisal

# Important dates

**October 22, 2012**– application deadline

**January 2, 2013** – final appraisals

**February 1, 2013** – interim progress report

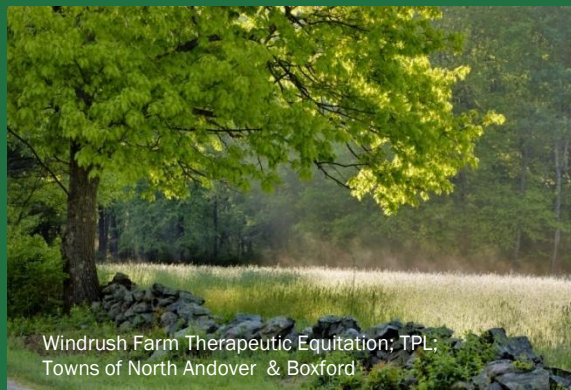
**March 1, 2013** – Purchase & Sale Agreement for all contracted acquisitions

**April 2, 2013** – all other due diligence

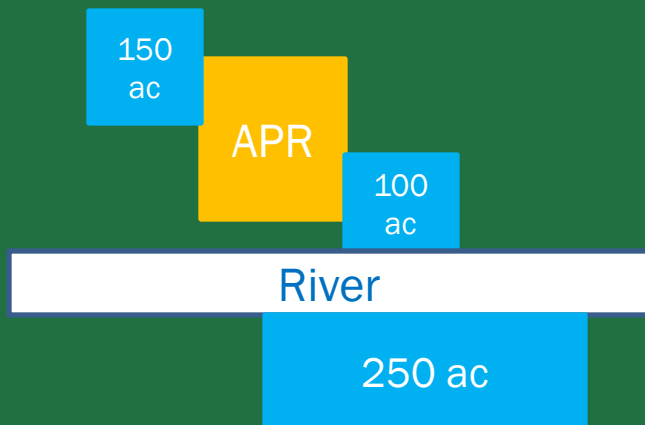
**May 15, 2013** – acquisition of all contracted parcels

**June 30, 2013** – public hearing on NRPZ

**December 31, 2013** – municipal vote on NPZ



# 500 acres =



# ≥500 acres = contiguous






**But this is Massachusetts, not  
Montana!**

**We get it.**

**If you think you have a good project, but it  
isn't totally unfragmented, talk to us. Make  
your case.**

# Particulars

- Municipalities and non-profits will receive contracts; state agencies will receive ISAs or capital allocations
- Reimbursement to municipalities or non-profits can be made only on *documented payment*. No promissory notes, payments from other entities, etc. will be reimbursed.
- All project parcels must have certified clear title



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